



JPV

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Sun Docket No. P5310
Attorney Docket No. 06502.0378

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| In re Application of: |) | |
| |) | |
| Guy L. STEELE, JR. |) | Group Art Unit: 2124 |
| |) | |
| Application No.: 10/035,581 |) | Examiner: David H. Malzahn |
| |) | |
| Filed: December 28, 2001 |) | |
| |) | |
| For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR |) | Confirmation No.: 2891 |
| PERFORMING FLOATING POINT |) | |
| OPERATIONS INVOLVING |) | |
| EXTENDED EXPONENTS |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed

documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: November 4, 2004

By: 

D. Kent Stier
Reg. No. 50,640
(404) 653-6559

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number 10/035,581
Filing Date December 28, 2001
First Named Inventor Guy L. STEELE, JR.
Art Unit 2124
Examiner Name David H. Malzahn
Attorney Docket Number 06502.0378

U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Document Number | Issue or Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| | | Number-Kind Code ² (if known) | | | |
| | | 4,777,613 B1 | 10/11/1988 | Shahan et al. | |
| | | 4,788,655 B1 | 11/29/1988 | Nakayama et al. | |
| | | 5,065,352 B1 | 11/12/1991 | Nakano | |
| | | 5,161,117 B1 | 11/03/1992 | Waggener, Jr. | |
| | | 5,249,149 B1 | 09/28/1993 | Cocanougher et al. | |
| | | 5,307,303 B1 | 04/26/1994 | Briggs et al. | |
| | | 5,363,321 B1 | 11/08/1994 | Dao Trong et al. | |
| | | 5,365,465 B1 | 11/15/1994 | Larson | |
| | | 5,570,310 B1 | 10/29/1996 | Smith | |
| | | 5,862,066 B1 | 01/19/1999 | Rossin et al. | |
| | | 5,931,943 B1 | 08/03/1999 | Orup | |
| | | 5,978,901 B1 | 11/02/1999 | Luedtke et al. | |
| | | 6,105,047 B1 | 08/15/2000 | Sharangpani et al. | |
| | | 6,108,772 B1 | 08/22/2000 | Sharangpani | |
| | | 6,151,669 B1 | 11/21/2000 | Huck et al. | |
| | | 6,393,555 B1 | 05/21/2002 | Meier et al. | |
| | | 6,490,607 B1 | 12/03/2002 | Oberman | |
| | | 6,789,098 B1 | 09/07/2004 | Dijkstra | |

Note: Copies of the U.S. Patent Documents are not Required in IDS filed after October 21, 2004

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | Translation ⁶ |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| | | Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | Translation ⁶ |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | | | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.